MAy it pleaſe you, whereas at my extreeme charges I haue lately imprinted a large Bible moſt faithfully trãſlated, with large notes and expoſitions, eſpeciallie vpon Iob, the Pſalmes, the Prophets and the newe Teſtament, & that the right honourable my L. Maior with the cõſent of his worſhipfull brethren, hauing conſideration of the ſame, hath made requeſt as you know for the vtterance of ſome of them among the worſhipfull and well diſpoſed Citizens. And nowe I vnderſtanding that my Booke is miſtaken for another Bible which was begon before I had authoritie, as it is affirmed, which coulde not be fininiſhed but by my conſent, and therefore hath the name to be printed by theaſſignement of Chriſtopher Barker, & as I will not diſpraiſe the ſaid booke, ſo may I iuſtly affirme that there is in quantitie, paper, & workmanſhip, beſides many other things therein conteined for the profite of the Reader, ten ſhillings difference to him that hath any iudgement at all, and yet if any be diſpoſed to haue their bookes boſſed, I wil boſſe them at the ſame price mentioned in my articles. Further if there be anie that is not willing to diſburce preſent money, may haue time till Candlemas next, ſo that the Maſter and wardens be then anſwerable for ſo many bookes as ſhall be ſo deliuered, and where the beadle was appointed ii.d. I thinke it to litle, and will alowe him for each booke iiii.d. and although here can riſe no great gaine to me in this bargaine, yet muſt I needs thinke my ſelfe moſt bounden to this moſt honourable citie, to the vttermoſt of my poſſible power, beſides the ordinarie duetie I owe thereunto. 1578

Articles concerning the deliuery of the Bibles mentioned in the peticion of Chriſtopher Barker Printer to the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie.

Precipte date 6 Octobris 1578 wn directed by the Lord Maior to ỳ wardens of the ſeuerall Companies in London willing them to call before them the membrs of their Societie & treate with them to buy the ſaide Bibles according to this Articles

LONDON

First that your ſaid ſuppliant ſhall deliuer to euery hall or company one large Bible with the argumẽts to euery booke in the olde & newe Teſtaments, the ſummaries or contents of euery Chapter, the notes or expoſitions vpon all the hard places of the text, and alſo a Table of the principall matters therein conteined. Which Booke is dedicated to the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, authorized by the Lordes and others of her Highneſſe priuie counſell, confirmed and allowed by the L. Archbiſhops grace of Canterburie, the Biſhop of Sarum her Maieſties high almner &c. Whereunto is added a Kalender hiſtoricall, the Booke of Common prayer with the adminiſtration of the Sacraments and other things moſt neceſſary.

Item that the clarkes of eche of the ſayde Companies may take & ſet downe in writing the names of all ſuch perſons of the ſame companies as will graunt to buy of the ſaid Bibles, and what nomber thereof they are minded to haue, and whether they will haue them bound or vnbound.

And that euery of the ſaid clarkes hauing ſo done, may certifie your ſaid ſuppliant thereof, And he will thereupon bring the ſame bookes to the halles of eche of the ſayd companies where the buyers may haue the ſame with aſmuch conuenient ſpeed as may be, paying for the ſame as followeth.

Your ſaid ſuppliant hauing bene at great charge aſwell in preparing furniture as in retayning Journeymen and three learned men for a long time for the printing of the ſaid bibles, and correcting ſuch ſmall faultes as had eſcaped in the former prints thereof, ſo as if it were priſed at ccc.s it were ſcarce ſufficient, (his labour & coſt being well conſidered) yet he is content for preſent money by this meane to take for euery of the ſame bibles bound xviii.s. & for euery of the ſame vnbound xv.s.

And for the paines of the clarkes of the ſaid companies in taking and writing the names of the buyers of the ſame bookes and receyuing the money for the ſame, your ſaid ſuppliant will giue to euery of them iiii.d. for euery booke that is ſolde in their ſeuerall companies.

And in euery of the ſaid companies where your ſaid ſuppliant ſhal receyue xl. pound or aboue, he is content to giue to the hall thereof one bible for the vſe of the whole companie at their aſſemblies in the ſame hall.